

REMARKS

This is in response to a final action in which claims 1-9 and 28-32 have been allowed, claims 10-16 and 18-27 stand rejected, and claim 17 has been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 10. It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claim from which it depends.


Claims 1-5 have been objected to because of certain informalities in claims 1 and 4, and this amendment proposes changes to those claims to resolve all informalities relevant to use of the term "optical image". It is noted that the Examiner has suggested how to resolve the informalities issue. However, Applicants believe that the changes suggested by the Examiner may lead to confusion. Instead Applicants propose to modify claims 1 and 4 to make clear that the term "optical image" is used generically in respect to the function of the video camera and the term "captured optical image" is used specifically to identify an image viewed by the camera that has been captured by the camera in accordance with the invention. A distinction is made between providing a video camera capable of converting a viewed optical image into a stream of video signals and the step of operating the camera to capture a viewed optical image. Applicants believe that the proposed changes to claims 1 and 4 relating to the terms "optical image" and "captured optical image" overcome the informalities problem and do not introduce any new matter or new issue.

Claim 17 has been indicated as relating to allowable subject matter, but has been objected to as depending from a rejected claim. By this amendment paper Applicants propose to introduce all of the limitations of claim 17 into parent claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants believe and submit that claim 10 as herein amended is allowable.

Applicant also proposes to amend claims 5, 31 and 32 to correct certain obvious errors. The changes to those claims do not introduce any new matter or create any new issue.

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of this amendment and allowance of the application is solicited..

Respectfully submitted,

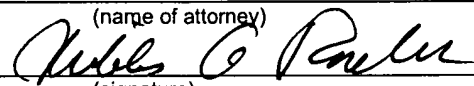

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